**Freedom of Information Request**

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**Information Requested:**

1. **ADHD and Autism Assessments:**
   * Please provide information on the current ADHD and Autism assessment backlog within your Trust.

**Adult:-** For ASD our service in the South are giving a waiting time currently as a minimum of 4years. For the NE ASD service it’s around 10 months to a year for a diagnostic assessment but individuals will have had an initial assessment and informant contact prior to this. For our ADHD services in both NE/West and MSE the waiting times are similar with around 18months to 2 years for an initial assessment and then a further 2 years for a diagnostic assessment and then a further 2 years for pharmacological treatment.

**Children:**- Our ASD waiting list is 11months. ADHD is 13months.

* + Does your Trust currently use private healthcare providers to assist in delivering ADHD and Autism assessments (for Adults & Children)? Commissioners in the 3 ICBs (Herts and West Essex, Mid and South Essex, Suffolk & North East Essex) may commission other providers and there is also the Right to Choose route that some people choose to take.

**If applicable: (N/A)**

* + Please provide the names of these private healthcare providers. – this is not information that EPUT hold as it would be done through the ICBs
  + Please specify the cost per ADHD assessment and cost per Autism assessment. As above
  + Provide details regarding the scope and duration of any contractual agreements with these providers, including the turnaround timeframe for completion of outsourced ADHD and Autism assessments. – As above
  + What is the Trust annual budget to outsource ADHD and Autism assessments and what is the current annual spend? – As above
  + How many ADHD and Autism assessments are outsourced each month and is their scope to increase this number? If so, by how many? – As above
  + Do your current provider/s have or offer the capacity to address the backlog within the Trusts required timeframes?  - As above
  + Please provide the name and contact information of the individual/team for the Trust who would manage the ADHD/Autism assessments (for Adults & Children). – As above

1. **Other Mental Health Assessments:**
   * Does your Trust use private healthcare providers to assist in delivering any other types of mental health assessments outside of ADHD and Autism assessments? **Not mental health assessments.**
   * If so, please specify what types of assessments these are, the names of the private healthcare providers involved, and the costs associated with these services. N/A
   * Include details about the scope and duration of any contractual agreements for these services. N/A

If your Trust is not currently using private healthcare providers to help reduce or clear this assessment backlog, would you consider doing so now or in the future? N/A

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